

AFRICA

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FACTS

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NEARLY one fourth of the earth's land surface is comprised within the Continent of Africa.

Africa is as large as the British Empire ; four times the size of the United States, ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~ten~~ thousand times as large as Rhode Island.

It is as far around the coast of Africa as it is around the world.

There are 843 different languages and dialects in use among the blacks of Africa. Only a few of these languages have been reduced to writing.

One area in Africa unoccupied by missionaries is three times the size of New England, a second would make four States like New York, a third would cover eight Iowas, and a fourth is eighteen times as large as Ohio.

Fear of malignant spirits is the dominant factor in the pagan's religious life. He has no conception of a God of love.

The African is a born orator and develops marvelous gifts as a Christian preacher.

It was King Khama who showed the world that prohibition prohibits when an African Christian camps on the trail of the liquor traffickers.

There is nothing so arrests the attention of these primitive Africans as the voluntary death of the Son of God, the Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love.

Everywhere the fields are "white unto harvest." The evangelistic opportunity is limited only by the fewness of the messengers.

"May Heaven's richest blessing rest upon any man, English, American, or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world."—David Livingstone.

A MISSIONARY DISPENSARY

WHAT A VISITOR SAW

Half a hundred patients, mostly heathen, are seated under the palm trees waiting for the doctor to begin his morning's work. Here is a woman who came to the Mission, covered with frightful sores. They are nearly all healed now. One eye is utterly destroyed with disease and the other is almost gone.

In the group is a little girl whose scalp was half torn off by a hyena. Through the crushed skull the throbbing of the brain can be seen. Such a gentle girlie and so sweet a face. The Mission has adopted her.

A young boy is here who lost three fingers of his right hand while feeding sugar cane into a native beer mill. The doctor dressed the mutilated hand. The lad is now a useful member of the Mission.

Here, too, is a man of whose past we know little. A boy found him unconscious, his arms tied to the ground with wire. He said he had been robbed, but there is reason to believe he had been caught stealing. His arms were covered with wounds and his face encircled with gashes where they had tried to gouge out his eyes. For the first time he is learning of the Saviour who was crucified between two thieves.

Seated on the ground is a leper woman. In many sections of Africa lepers are not isolated. They live with their kindred and spread the disease among them.

That other woman, whose big tears are running down her face and splashing on the ground, staggered into the Mission bleeding from twenty stab wounds on her head and body. A heathen man, crazed with drink, had stabbed her and given her a cruel beating.

This is but one type of our missionary work in Africa. Just as thrilling incidents occur daily in the educational, industrial, agricultural, and evangelistic work. If you desire further information regarding needs and golden opportunities, drop a line to

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